

## **IC 20-12-14**

### **Chapter 14. Laboratory Schools**

#### **IC 20-12-14-1**

##### **Authority to establish and conduct laboratory school**

Sec. 1. The trustees of Indiana University, the trustees of Purdue University, the trustees of Indiana State University, and the trustees of Ball State University may, from time to time and as the governing boards of the universities shall find a need exists, establish and conduct at their main campuses within the appropriate school or college of the university laboratory schools for:

- (1) developing, testing, and evaluating new methods of instruction and materials;
- (2) comparing such new methods with the conventional methods now in use; and
- (3) the training of teachers in such new methods as shall be found acceptable.

The trustees may also acquire sites for, construct or acquire, equip, and furnish suitable buildings and appurtenances for that purpose. Each special education program conducted by a laboratory school shall be conducted subject to IC 20-1-6-2.1.

*(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.336, s.1; Acts 1974, P.L.99, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1979, P.L.130, SEC.19; P.L.1-1990, SEC.233.*

#### **IC 20-12-14-2**

##### **Laboratory schools; qualification as charter school**

Sec. 2. (a) Instruction in laboratory schools may be provided for pre-school pupils, kindergarten pupils, special education pupils, and for all or a portion of the twelve (12) common school grades.

(b) Agreements may be entered into with local school units and educational organizations for the assignment of pupils to such laboratory schools, the payment of transfer fees, and contributions to the cost of establishing and maintaining the laboratory schools.

(c) A laboratory school that:

- (1) is operated by a university under this chapter without an agreement described in subsection (b); and
- (2) has an ADM (as defined in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1(d)) of not more than seven hundred fifty (750);

shall be treated as a charter school for purposes of local funding under IC 6-1.1-19 and state funding under IC 21-3.

(d) A pupil who attends a laboratory school full time may not be counted in ADM or ADA by any local school unit when his attendance is not regulated under an agreement.

*(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.336, s.2; Acts 1974, P.L.99, SEC.2.) As amended by P.L.224-2003, SEC.139; P.L.97-2004, SEC.76.*

#### **IC 20-12-14-3**

##### **Annual report on projects**

Sec. 3. Local school units assigning pupils to such laboratory schools shall, at least once each year, prepare a report or reports, as

required by law governing the operation of such school, showing the number of pupils attending, the grades taught, methods of instruction used and the operational costs, as defined by statute, per pupil. The governing board of each university operating a laboratory school under this chapter shall prepare the report or reports, regardless of whether or not the university has an agreement with a local school unit, once each year, setting forth a comparison of the results obtained by the new methods of instruction with the conventional methods of instruction and the new methods of instruction recommended for general use in the common schools of the state. A copy of any such report or reports shall be filed with the superintendent of public instruction and shall be furnished to any legislative committee having an interest in such matters.

*(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.336, s.3; Acts 1974, P.L.99, SEC.3.)*

#### **IC 20-12-14-4**

##### **General obligation bonds authorized**

Sec. 4. (a) For the purpose of obtaining funds required to acquire sites for and to construct, equip and furnish suitable buildings and appurtenances for such laboratory schools, said corporations are hereby respectively authorized to issue and sell their negotiable, general obligation bonds payable out of any available funds of said corporations including but not limited to fees, charges, rentals, interest on permanent endowment funds, and legislative appropriations made for new construction, repair and rehabilitation of buildings.

(b) Said bonds shall be authorized by resolution of the respective governing body of the issuing corporation, shall bear interest at any rate, shall be payable at such times and in such amounts within thirty (30) years from the date of issuance and may be callable prior to maturity, all as provided in the authorizing resolution.

(c) Such bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public sale as provided by IC 5-1-11. Such bonds and the interest thereon shall be exempt from taxation.

*(Formerly: Acts 1961, c.336, s.4.) As amended by Acts 1981, P.L.11, SEC.107.*

#### **IC 20-12-14-5 Repealed**

*(Repealed by Acts 1974, P.L.99, SEC.4.)*